Coram, NY - Brookhaven Highway Superintendent Daniel P. Losquadro is announcing his traffic safety division has upgraded 121 traffic control devices throughout the town with energy efficient Light Emitting Diodes (LED's). The cost saving improvement project took place throughout the summer replacing over 1,500 bulbs so far. LED technology saves more than 80 percent in energy consumption than incandescent bulbs and can last 25 times as long.

This project started in the early summer and by the end of this year all Brookhaven Town traffic signals will be LED operated.

"This is another way I am implementing technology to improve highway department operations while simultaneously saving taxpayer dollars," Superintendent Losquadro said. "These lights will reduce the town’s energy consumption, simultaneously reducing the amount of money spent on maintenance."

While individual areas vary in how much they cost to operate due to size and the number of traffic lights, some intersection costs have shrunk from about $200 to $35 a month. The project is expected to pay for itself within 12 to 18 months.

"The incandescent light bulb has been in use, almost unchanged, for more than 135 years," Superintendent Losquadro said. "This change in technology represents a milestone in infrastructure improvement."

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